

Public Health Committee
Room 3000, Legislative Office Building
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The town of North Stonington Connecticut is currently engaged in reworking our zoning regulations to make agriculture more viable. One of the issues we have supported is the creation and sale of value-added products at local farms. We support Bill 5287, An Act Allowing the Production and Sale of Acidified Food Products on Residential Farms. The bill would make it possible for local farmers to take advantage of local regulations allowing the sale of such products, and would enhance the agricultural businesses that are an important part of our economy.

On a personal note, we think the health safeguards in the bill are more than adequate to protect consumers. We grew up during a time when we bought our vegetables and fish from local farmers who drove around on their trucks selling them, and our milk came to the door. We were healthier for eating locally grown products, and we got to support our local economy at the same time. We would rather buy from our neighbor's kitchens than from some over-sanitized plant somewhere else.

Please pass this important bill without delay,

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